#### MINUTES

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN, on March 5, 2003 at 3:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

## ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)

Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Rep. Larry Cyr (D)

Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)

Rep. Ron Erickson (D)

Rep. George Everett (R)

Rep. Rick Maedje (R)

Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Rep. Brad Newman (D)

Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Kim Gillan (D)

Rep. Christopher Harris (D)

Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Pamela Schindler, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

#### Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 27, SB 5, 2/27/2003

Executive Action: SB 27-Do Concur In, Place on

Consent Calendar SB5-Do Concur In

## HEARING ON SB 27

## Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00 **SEN. JOHNSON, SD 5 -- Title of Bill:** Income from gains and losses and the noxious weed fund.

## Proponents' Testimony:

04:00 Frieda Houser, Department of Agriculture

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

## Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

05:00

## Closing by Sponsor:

06:00

## EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB27

<u>Motion/Vote</u>: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB27 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Motion/Vote</u>: REP. ERICKSON moved SB 27 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously.

## **HEARING ON SB 5**

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:00 SEN. BILL TASH, SD 17 -- Title of Bill: General obligation bonds regarding the renewable resource grant loan program.

### Proponents' Testimony:

13:00 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources Conservation

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16:00 Norris Richens, Farmer

20:00 Scott Unruh, RPH Irrigation

23:00 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

# Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

31:00

# Closing:

34:00

# EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously. (voice vote)

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

PAMELA SCHINDLER, Secretary

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